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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

FRIDAY, OCT. 6, 1916.

A Boston scientist predicts 75 cents eggs. I don't like 'em, anyway.

Begin today arranging your exhibits for the fair. It will be the biggest and best yet.

Knocking does a fellow no good, does the town a lot of harm, and disgusts nearly everybody who hears it.

Carranza will and he won't and he won't and he will, and darned if even Carranza knows what he will do.

That new diamond mine discovered in the Transvaal is eighteen miles from Pretoria and a million miles from this office.

Of the people who buy goods on credit 40 per cent pay in full, 7 per cent never pay at all, and we don't know how many wish they could get out of paying.

They say the boll weevil is coming this way. Good thing they didn't arrive in Lancaster county this year for some of them would have died from starvation.

We have advocated the building of a flour mill so long and so earnestly until the subject haunts us in our dreams. Build that mill immediately and let us rest in peace.

It has been wisely said that procrastination is the thief of time, therefore, those behind the movement for a modern library should bestir themselves without further delay.

A prominent business man of Charlotte while in Lancaster recently stated that we possessed the best roads of any county in South Carolina over which he had traveled. Let the good work continue.

The Chester News recently intimated that in all probability the next big street railway strike would occur in Rock Hill. Let us urge the boys to postpone the walkout until after York County Fair week.

Lancaster has achieved the distinction of being the best cotton market to be found in this section of the State. Mr. Farmer, bring your cotton to the "leading town" and get the top price for your farm products.

Many severe accidents have occurred in Lancaster from various causes recently, yet we continue to defer the building of that needed hospital. Isn't it about time for us to give the subject our serious consideration?

From all reports daily coming to this office, the third annual Lancaster County Fair, to be held in Lancaster November 20 to 25, is certainly going to be a good one. The thing is, what have you done so far to help this good work along?

The man who does not take his home paper misses three-fourths of what is going on in his home community. He must either borrow the paper from his neighbor and be considered a tight-wad and a nuisance, or he must be content to learn a little and know less. This paper costs but \$1.50 a year, and is worth ten times that amount to any person.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

Of recent years volumes have been written in defense of the scheme of life defined in the above phrase. Its advocates refer us to nature in all her wondrous workings—the manner in which she accurately fulfills the Biblical promise that "to him that hath shall be given; but from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that he hath."

Perhaps no scheme of life half so pernicious has ever been promulgated by sane men in any age of the world. True, nature, in the person of the brute, works strictly along this line. It is absolutely necessary there. It is necessary from the fact unless every energy of the brute were given to the task of preserving self, then self, as represented by the brute, would soon cease to exist.

Scientists define the difference between man and the brute thusly: The brute knows, but knows not that it knows. Man knows, and knows that he knows. And in these truths lie the great danger to humanity of the "survival of the fittest" theory. The brute, knowing not that it knows, recognizes absolutely no rights but its own. For it the question of right does not exist. Nature has equipped it to make of self the very best specimen possible, even to the absorbing in many instances of the rights and very persons of all others. That is its first instinct, and were any other course followed it would be fatal to the life of the brute creation.

But when, through the faithful adherence to this primal instinct, the brute has reached brute perfection—well, it's nothing but a brute anyway. A magnificent brute it may be, but merely a brute.

With man, however, the reverse is true. Knowing, and knowing that he knows, he consequently must know that he has rights. That being the case, he is compelled to know that all others (who are in every way as essential as himself) must have rights coequal with his own. Therein lies his utter futility of attempting to usurp any of the rights of others without doing violence to his own character. In brief, the moment he attempts to survive at the expense of the weaker brother, just that moment he becomes most emphatically the "unfittest" in every sense of the brute sense. He becomes as the brute.

So much for "the survival of the fittest."

But what about the survival of the "unfittest?" That is a subject that might well engage the attention of the advocates of eugenics and other would-be "uplifters," of the human race. Go after the man who has never had a chance and give him a character. Lift up the brother who has fallen by the way and start him on the road again. Encourage the despondent. Help the weak. Strive to equalize the burdens of life. If all would act thus there soon would be no unfit. All would be fit.

"The survival of the fittest," as applied to man, means a race of splendid brutes.

The "revival of the unfittest," as applied to man, means an ultimate approach to the grand ideal conceived in his creation: "In the image of his maker."

THE BOLL WEEVIL.

Press dispatches the other day announced that the boll weevil had reached Burke county, Ga. Burke county adjoins Richmond county, in which Augusta is situated, and borders on Savannah river. It is probably not more than 125 miles in an air line from the city of Anderson to the nearest point of Burke county.

This brings the boll weevil quite close to us, much closer than it has been before. At the rate of progress that it has made in years past, it is entirely possible for the boll weevil to make its appearance in Anderson county next summer.

What are we going to do about it?

There are a good many things that we can do, but the obvious thing to do is to begin to plan to get along without cotton, or at least without as much of it as we have been accustomed to. And the time to do that is right now. We will suffer greatly if we defer our preparations until the boll weevil gets here.

Now is the time to begin planning next year's farming operations. Grain and legume crops can be sown now, arrangements made for cattle, hogs, poultry, on a larger scale. It will be too late to do this next spring or summer.

A farm that produces its own food stuffs can pull through if the cotton crop is a failure, but the farm that depends on cotton alone is doomed.

There is one thing that ought to be remembered in connection with the boll weevil and that is that it is certain and thorough. It makes a complete job, and when it comes it stays. It doesn't come one year

and miss the next, and it does not do just partial damage to a cotton crop. It comes every year and cotton can not live on the same land with it. One just cannot take chances with it, and that is the thing that should be kept in mind in figuring on next year's farming.—Anderson Mail.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

What are you doing for this town?

What are you doing to justify your citizenship in this town?

You can not sit down, criticize, let others do the work that makes a town or community, and still call yourself a good citizen.

The good citizen never thinks only of self. He must necessarily think of self or he would not survive, but good citizenship requires more than that—much more.

It requires that you keep in mind that there are others who have rights and are entitled to have those rights respected by others—by you. On the same basis you are entitled to have your rights equally respected by them.

That is good citizenship—partially.

In addition, the good citizens remembers that his town is entitled to his best efforts in its behalf, to the end that the interests of the community may be advanced by all legitimate means.

This means, too, that in advancing the interests you are advancing your own, which is the ultimate aim of the human race.

What, then, are you doing to constitute yourself a good citizen?

ELIOT'S ENDORSEMENT.

Dr. Chas. W. Eliot has come out for Wilson and in doing so gave to the country some of the strongest Wilson arguments yet advanced. Eliot sums it up eloquently in the statement that "the Democratic party has done such an extraordinary amount of good work during the present administration that the period from 1912 to 1916 will be memorable in the history of the United States; and, secondly, that the man chiefly responsible for this consummate service to the American people should be again made their chief servant." He goes so far as to say that "in three years and a half the Democratic party, led by Woodrow Wilson, has done much more for the country than the Republican party accomplished in five times as many years." That is going it rather strong, but who wants to argue the case with Doctor Eliot? Let him step to the front.—Charlotte Observer.

FIGURING THE PRICE

OF COTTON SEED

Mighty few of us are good mathematicians, and so whenever cotton seed are quoted at 40 or \$50 a ton, the average person has to figure with pencil what the price is per bushel. The following rule is so simple and so easy that we reproduce it. Clip it out for reference.

"When the price of ton is given, in dollars, take half the price of a ton and add it to itself and the result will be the price of a bushel in cents. Thus, if seed are worth \$20 a ton, take half of 20 and add it to 20 and you get 30 cents as the price of a bushel. If seed are \$30 a ton, take half of 30 which is 15 and add it to 30 and you get 45 cents as the price of a bushel of seed. Now to find the price of a ton, in dollars, when the price of a bushel in cents is known, you subtract one-third of the price a bushel in cents from itself and you have the price of a ton in dollars. Thus suppose the price of a bushel is 60 cents the third of 60 is 20 which taken from 60 leaves \$40 as the price of a ton. The rule is so easy that any one who knows the multiplication table can pass from the ton to the bushel, or from the bushel to the ton as fast as he can talk."—Siler City Grit.

"LINE UP THE WOMEN."

"Mother" Jones' Advice to Striking New York Carmen.

New York, Oct. 4.—"Mother" Jones, widely known as a labor orator, addressed a meeting here today of unionized carmen who went on strike September 6, urged those who heard her to "line up the women" with them.

"You're fighting for them," she declared. "Let them help you fight." She asserted that the carmen should insist on only seven hours work a day for \$5 pay.

According to officials of the transit companies, service on subways and elevated lines is normal and on surface lines nearly normal. Out of a total of 613 arrests during the strike, it was said tonight by Interborough Rapid Transit Company officials, there have been 432 convictions, while forty-two cases are pending.

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GREEK CABINET FAILS.

London, Oct. 4.—King Constantine has accepted the resignation of the Greek cabinet, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens. It is believed in Athens, the dispatch adds, that Nicolas Dimitracopulos, former minister of justice, will form a new cabinet, which will include three members of the Venizelos party.

COST MORE NOW.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Contracts for structural steel for new naval vessels were awarded today by the navy department at prices about 33 per cent higher than were paid for similar material last December. The steel is for a hospital ship being built at the Philadelphia navy yard, and a fuel ship at the Boston navy yard.

DOG SAVES MAN.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 4.—Rover, a Newfoundland dog owned by Joe Gianotti, a river boatman, last night saved the life of Elmer Godwin, of Norfolk, who slipped off a launch from which the men were angling for night fish. Rover dived in, seized the sinking man's collar and pushed him up against the boat where Gianotti could help him aboard. Godwin can not swim.

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